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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Greinwald et al.

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For : MICROARRAY-BASED

DIAGNOSIS OF PEDIATRIC

HEARING IMPAIRMENT-CONSTRUCTION OF A

DEAFNESS GENE CHIP

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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## Dear Sir:

The present paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 7, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith. Also attached is a Declaration of John H. Greinwald, Jr., M.D., FAAP with accompanying references, as proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132. Applicants respectfully request that the above-captioned application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.